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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of March 19 thru March 25, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 687 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

KITCHEN FIRE - On March 20 at 4:05 p.m. on the 800 block of Mound Street fire companies were called for a report of smoke from a house and the residents running out. Upon arrival, they found a kitchen on fire with smoke spreading throughout the house. The fire companies extinguished the fire and performed overhaul. There were smoke detectors present and operating but no fire sprinklers. Damage is estimated at \$125,000.



UNATTENDED COOKING on the stovetop caused all this damage to a home.

ASSAULT - On March 20 at 4:20 p.m. on the 1000 block of Beech Street a 56 year old man was assaulted. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

OVEN FIRE - On March 22 at 3:54 p.m. on the 1900 block of Margaret Street fire companies responded to an oven fire. Upon arrival, they found smoke but no fire. The family had been baking when smoke came from the bottom oven in a two-oven electric built-in oven. The oven was original to the house with no prior problems. Damage is estimated at \$2,000.



Oven fire causes \$2,000 in damages.

STABBING - On March 22 at 4:36 p.m. on the 300 block of Smith Avenue a 24 year old man was transported to another hospital by Paramedics after being stabbed.

UNATTENDED COOKING - On March 23 at 1:46 p.m. on the 1000 block of Hawthorne Avenue fire companies were dispatched to a report of smoke coming from the windows of a house. When they arrived, they found a kitchen fire and quickly stretched hoselines and extinguished it. The occupant had been cooking and left the oven on low before leaving the residence. She had mistaken the stove top burner control knob for the oven knob. Damage estimate to the building is \$137,000 and \$103,000 to the contents.



*Another **UNATTENDED COOKING** fire caused damage totaling \$240,000.*

- **UNATTENDED COOKING** is, by far, the leading cause of building fires in Minnesota. So, “when you cook, stay and look!”
- Install inexpensive Stovetop Firestops above the burners on your stove, available at 14 metro Ace Hardware stores. Check out their website to see for yourself how incredibly effective they are at putting out stovetop fires: www.stovetopfirestop.com
- If you’re building a new home, install life-saving residential fire sprinklers! Go to: www.homefiresprinkler.org

PEDESTRIAN STRUCK - On March 23 at 1:32 p.m. on the 1100 block of Ross Avenue a 31 year old man was struck by a motor vehicle. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

CITYWIDE PARKING RESTRICTION - Effective 10 a.m. Thursday, March 27, one-sided citywide winter parking restrictions will no longer be in effect in Saint Paul. Parking will be allowed on all streets unless otherwise posted.

The restrictions were lifted following weeks of warmer temperatures and a survey of city streets by the Saint Paul Fire Department. “Thanks to warmer temperatures, the citywide winter parking restrictions are no longer necessary to ensure our fire trucks can not only get to our city’s neighborhoods, but can actively operate in case of a fire,” Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman said. “This uncharacteristically harsh winter was tough on all of us – particularly our emergency responders – and I want to thank everyone for complying with this ban despite the inconvenience.”

City officials would also like to remind residents to continue parking as close to the curb as possible, to allow for the safe passage of emergency vehicles. Fire trucks need a minimum width of 14 feet to effectively navigate streets.